For a VPT without STD facility, no security deposit is required now. Security Deposit of Rs. 250/- is required for STD facility on VPT.

Instructions regarding recruitment in Government

*356. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any instructions regarding recruitment/filling up of posts in Government have been issued in August, 1999;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the purpose behind issuing these instructions;

(d) whether despite these instructions recruitment/promotion is permissible, if so, in what manner;

(e) whether there is resentment/confusion among the public regarding denial of job opportunities; and

(f) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to withdraw/relax these instructions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The instructions, inter-alia, provide that every Ministry/Department shall undertake a review, in a time-bound manner, of all the posts which are lying vacant in the Ministry/Department and in the Attached and Subordinate offices etc., and till the review is completed no vacant posts shall be filled up except with the approval of the Department of Expenditure.

(c) and (d) The purpose behind the instructions is to ensure that vacant posts are not filled up in a routine manner but the necessity for those posts should be specifically reviewed before they are filled up. Promotion and need based recruitment in different cadres is permitted under these instructions.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.